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Quick Facts

- The selection was made this month by the league's athletics directors, senior woman administrators and sports information directors.
- Cooper, who is from Providence, Rhode Island, is the first Winthrop student-athlete to win the conference's Female Student-Athlete of the Year award since 2013-14.



Marthaline Cooper

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA – Winthrop University track & field athlete **Marthaline Cooper** has been voted the **Big South Conference Female Student-Athlete of the Year** for the 2016-17 season.

The selection was made this month by the league's athletics directors, senior woman administrators and sports information directors.

Cooper, who is from Providence, Rhode Island, is the first Winthrop student-athlete to win the conference's Female Student-Athlete of the Year award since 2013-14. She received 77 points and nine first-place votes and finished ahead of Campbell softball player Amber Schisler, who was second with 65 points. **Winthrop tennis player Lauren Proctor** was third with 58 points, followed by Radford volleyball player Maddie Palmer with 48 points.

Cooper was voted the 2016-17 Big South Women's Field Athlete of the Year, as well as the 2017 Women's Indoor Track & Field Most Outstanding Field Performer. She won the Big South indoor weight throw for the third straight year with a mark of 21.18 meters (69 ft.-6 in.), which qualified her for the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships.

At the national meet, she placed 12th in the weight throw to earn her **fourth All-American honor** in two years. In seven indoor meets in 2016-17, Cooper finished first five times. She is also the first **three-time winner** of the conference's **Women's Field Athlete of the Year award**.

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